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FACT SHEET

MAYOR PROPOSES FEE WAIVERS, VOUCHERS AND EXPEDITED REVIEWS TO SPEED FIRE RECOVERY EFFORTS

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER MAYOR'S RECOVERY PACKAGE ON TUESDAY

Mayor Jerry Sanders is asking the City Council to significantly speed recovery efforts in areas affected by this week's wildfires by adopting a package of fee waivers, vouchers and expedited permit processing at the City. The Mayor's proposal is modeled on resolution adopted following the Cedar fire and would:

- Waive building permit fees
- Waive demolition permit fees
- Provide vouchers for recycling of source separated concrete slabs and bricks
- Provide vouchers for the disposal of un-recyclable debris associated with the demolition of fire damaged/destroyed properties within the City of San Diego

The Mayor's proposal would also designate fire reconstruction permit applications for the highest priority for expedited development review of building permits in the City of San Diego.

The City Council will consider the Mayor's proposal at its Tuesday, October 30, meeting.

MAYOR'S PROPOSAL REDUCES COSTS FOR REBUILDING HOMES

1. Waiver of Building Permit and Demolition Permit Fees:

Under the Mayor's proposal, development impact fees, water and sewer connection fees, and capacity fees will not be charged for new structures replacing those destroyed in the fire. This is being done because there are no new development impacts to the community and reconstructed buildings can use their existing water and sewer connection. Fire reconstruction related demolition permits will be administered as a no-charge administrative process.

2. Providing Waste Disposal and Recycling Vouchers:

The Mayor's proposal provides for vouchers for waste disposal fees at the Miramar Landfill, and for recycling costs at City approved facilities taking materials associated with the demolition of fire damaged or destroyed building property within the City of San Diego. Unless otherwise directed by the City Council, these vouchers will only apply to fire-related debris generated in the City of San Diego during the demolition phase of restoring properties.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER OFFERING MORE INFORMATION

More information about the Mayor's proposal and how to take advantage of the fee waiver, voucher and expedited permitting process will be available at the Local Assistance Center established at by the City at the Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center (18448 W. Bernardo Drive) following the Council's Monday action.

The Center is a one-stop-shop for San Diego residents affected by recent wildfires. It is a cooperative venture between the City, the County of San Diego and a host of other government agencies and private firms involved in fire recovery efforts.

The Center hosts knowledgeable staff from City Departments including:

- Fire- Rescue
- Police
- Development Services, and
- Environmental Services (Refuse & Recycling)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, State Departments and the County of San Diego also have staff at the Center ready to help residents with their fire recovery needs.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

The Local Assistance Center is located at the Rancho Bernardo Glassman Recreation Center at 18448 West Bernardo Drive. The Center's main telephone number is (858) 538-8129.

The Center also has a 24-Hour Recorded Information Line at (619) 570-1070

Hours of Operation for Center will be:

Monday – Friday: 7 am to 8 pm
Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm
Sunday: 9 am to 2 pm

SERVICES AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

The Local Assistance Center is arranged with tables for each of the agencies, organizations and businesses participating in serving the needs of residents affected by the fires. Each of those

participating in the Center's effort has established a point of contact for media inquiries. Participants, the services they are offering, their table location in the Center and their point of contact are listed below.

City of San Diego:

Table #	Organization	Contact
1	<p>San Diego District 5 Councilmember Brian Maienschein Representing communities of Carmel Mountain Ranch, Mira Mesa, Rancho Bernardo, Sabre Springs, San Pasqual, Scripps Ranch, and Sorrento Mesa (619) 236-6655 http://genesis.sannet.gov/infospc/templates/cd5/index.jsp</p>	Media Contact: Lance Witmond 619-857- 7441
2	<p>City of San Diego Development Services Demolition Permits 858-492-5070 Fire Damage Questions 858-492-5071 http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/</p> <p>The Development Services Department of the City of San Diego is offering the following services to affected residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Inspection Process – learn how the inspection process will function for damaged and destroyed structures. • Planning and Land Use – learn how Planned Residential Developments will function, how steep slopes and other Environmentally Sensitive Land designation will affect rebuilding. • Building Department – water/sewer information, residential mechanical information, stormwater requirements, zoning information, structural information, plan check & permitting process information, information on demolition permitting, and information on temporary power permits. 	Media Contact: Ernie Tamayo 619-952-5976
3	<p>City of San Diego Environmental Services Department Recycling , Waste Disposal, Dead Animal Removal 858-694-7000 http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/</p> <p>Information on trash collection, hauling, hazardous materials disposal, dead animal disposal.</p>	Media Contact: Jennifer Ott 858-518-3568

5	<p>City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Brush & Weeds (619) 533-4444 http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/</p> <p>Screening for medical needs.</p>	<p>Media Contact: Maurice Luque 619-250-6473</p>
6	<p>City of San Diego Water Department Water, sewer, turn on & turn off, Billing Issues 619-515-3500 http://www.sandiego.gov/water/</p>	<p>Media Contact: Kurt Kidman 619-533-4185</p>
7	<p>SDDPC – San Diego Data Processing Corporation</p> <p>Information Technology Management for Center Activities Only</p>	<p>Contact: None on Site</p>
8	<p>City of San Diego Police Department Crisis Intervention Counseling (619) 531-2000 http://www.sandiego.gov/police/</p> <p>Offers emotional support to families and children, resources and referrals.</p>	<p>Media Contact: Dan Petro 619-980-0706</p>

Federal Agencies:

17a	<p>Fleet and Family Support Center Assistance and services for active and retired military (all branches).</p>	<p>Media Contact: Dana Ross (619)556-7404</p>
22	<p>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Housing Assistance, Repairing Homes, Rentals, Insurance Information 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) http://www.fema.gov/</p> <p>Provide financial assistance for personal property, home repair, rental assistance, transportation, medical and dental assistance and other needs. Call to apply for disaster assistance 800-621-3362.</p>	<p>Media Contact: Ken Higginbotham (818) 599-7422</p>

23	<p>U.S. Postal Service</p> <p>Offers assistance to impacted residences of SD County and City if they are unable to access their homes due to road closures. We can provide them with change of address cards and tell impacted residents how they can collect their mail.</p>	<p>Media Contact: Mike Cannone (858) 674-0107</p>
24	<p>Social Security Administration</p> <p>Obtaining new social security cards 800-772-1213 http://www.socialsecurity.gov</p>	<p>Media Contact: Yolanda York (619) 557-5374</p>
25	<p>Internal Revenue Service (619) 557-3458 http://www.irs.gov</p> <p>Provide information and assistance for claiming casualty losses and information on how to file a claim now if interested.</p>	<p>Media Contact: To be Determined</p>
37	<p>Small Business Administration (SBA) Low Interest Loans for Residential and Business 1-800-488-5323 http://www.sba.gov/disaster_recov/index.html</p> <p>Disaster Assistance – Federal disaster loans for homeowners, renters and business of all sizes. Homeowners may borrow up to \$200,000 to repair or replace their primary residence. Homeowners and renters may borrow up to \$40,000 to replace personal property. Businesses may borrow up to \$1.5 million for any combination of property damage or economic injury. SBA offers low-interest working capital loans (called Economic Injury Disaster Loans) to small businesses having difficulty meeting obligations as a result of the disaster. SBA (800) 659-2955.</p>	<p>Media Contact: To be Determined</p>

County of San Diego:

10	<p>County Mental Health Services (858) 694-4695</p>	<p>Media Contact: Anabel Poole (619) 309-9882</p>
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	Information on stress and coping with loss. Mental health counseling and referral.	(619) 954-0993
27	San Diego County Department of Planning & Land Use Issuing emergency temporary occupancy permits for people planning to live in trailers on property in unincorporated areas. Temporary power permits, resources/information on rebuilding.	Media Contact: Anabel Poole (619) 309-9882 (619) 954-0993
28	San Diego County Department of Health and Human Services (858) 694-3900 http://www2.sdcountry.ca.gov/hhsa/default.asp Health & Human Services is providing information and referrals for CalWorks (financial assistance) Food Stamps, including Disaster Food Stamps program and Medi-Cal. Public assistance application information is also available.	Media Contact: Anabel Poole (619) 309-9882 (619) 954-0993
29	San Diego County Aging and Independence Services Assistance for Senior Citizens 1-800-510-2020 http://www.agingandindependence.signonsandiego.com/ Provide health evaluations, assistance to find skilled nursing facilities and obtain medical equipment and services.	Media Contact: Anabel Poole (619) 309-9882 (619) 954-0993
30	SD County Public Health and Nursing	Media Contact: Anabel Poole (619) 309-9882 (619) 954-0993
31	San Diego County Department of Environmental Health Public food, housing & sanitation concerns 619-338-2379 http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/deh/ Short and long term housing referrals.	Media Contact: Anabel Poole (619) 309-9882 (619) 954-0993
32	San Diego County Department of Animal Services Information on services of animals, location of evacuation sited and where food for animals can be obtained.	Media Contact: Anabel Poole (619) 309-9882 (619) 954-0993

33	<p>San Diego County Treasurer & Tax Collector</p> <p>Property Tax Relief program requires the reassessment of property to reflect its damaged condition. The reduced value will remain in effect until such time as the property is rebuilt or repaired.</p>	<p>Media Contact: Anabel Poole (619) 309-9882 (619) 954-0993</p>
34	<p>San Diego County Department of Agriculture Weights & Measures</p> <p>Assessment of production agriculture fire damage information.</p>	<p>Media Contact: Anabel Poole (619) 309-9882 (619) 954-0993</p>
35	<p>San Diego County Department of Environmental Health Public food, housing & sanitation concerns 619-338-2379 http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/deh/</p> <p>DEH is available to help facilitate permit processing for property owners to rebuild homes served by on-site sewage disposal systems recently damaged or destroyed by fire. In addition, DEH can answer questions regarding retail food facilities, public swimming pools, small drinking water systems, water wells, mobile home parks, mosquitoes, rodents, or other vector issues.</p>	<p>Media Contact: Anabel Poole (619) 309-9882 (619) 954-0993</p>
36	<p>San Diego County Building Department</p> <p>Information on obtaining County building permits</p>	<p>Media Contact: Anabel Poole (619) 309-9882 (619) 954-0993</p>

State Agencies:

11	<p>CA State Contractors License Board Check contractor licensing (800) 321-CSLB (2752) www.cslb.ca.gov</p> <p>Information you need to know to get a contractor and start rebuilding. This includes the questions to ask, how to avoid scams and what to include in this contract.</p>	<p>Media Contact: Janice A. Cedano (619) 204-4264</p>
13	<p>CA State Employment Development Department www.edd.ca.gov</p> <p>Unemployment disaster assistance information,</p>	<p>Media Contact: Janice A. Cedano (619) 204-4264</p>

	employment tax information for businesses, disability insurance information, employment information and training assistance.	
14	CA State Board of Equalization State Tax Information	Media Contact: Linda Azakian (619) 525-4149
15	California Department of Insurance Consumer Hotline at 800-927-HELP (4357) Out-of-State Callers use 213-897-8921 http://www.insurance.ca.gov/docs/index.html Regulatory Agency offering assistance with dealing insurance companies.	Media Contacts: To be Determined
16	California Franchise Tax Board (800) 852-5711 http://www.ftb.ca.gov/	Media Contact: To be Determined
17	CA OES Office Environmental Services Housing assistance, replacement of lost documents (birth certificates and marriages licenses). Information on how to contact government officials and state agencies.	Media Contact: Carol Singleton (916) 845-8441
19	California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Registration information for vehicles affected by the fires	Media Contact: Mike Marando 916-657-6437

Other City Agencies:

20	City of Poway Building Department Building Permits 858-679-4288 http://www.ci.poway.ca.us/workfory.html Serve as a resource for Poway residents and assist in their future recovery and rebuilding efforts.	Media Contact: Jennifer Lewis (858) 668-4505
21	City of Escondido Information for residents regarding getting back into their homes and accessing other information.	Media Contact: Joyce Masterson (760) 715-8407

Private Utilities:

12	<p>AT&T www.att.com</p> <p>AT&T Mobility will be offering free wireless cell phone and internet service to evacuees and City officials to assist people in coordinating personal business, and to help City officials and relief agencies communicate to support the relief effort here in Rancho Bernardo.</p>	Media Contact: Lauren Garner (925) 819-5362
18	<p>San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) Disconnect Service, Restoration of Service Planning for Permit Expedites 1-800-411-7343 New Service or Temporary Service 619-230-7800 http://www.sdge.com/index.shtml</p> <p>Provide current information on how to restore gas and electric service, questions on billing, service, etc. Temporary power information, safety questions.</p>	Media Contact: Scott Crider 619-507-2711

Relief Agencies:

9	<p>Cedar Fire Survivors Support and Assistance for Fire Survivors</p>	Point of Contact Ken Klein (on-site)
26	<p>American Red Cross Emergency Assistance 1866-GET-INFO (438-4636) http://www.sdarc.org</p> <p>Financial assistance for assistance for immediate emergency needs such as a food, clothing and housing assistance for residents who homes have been destroyed.</p>	Media Contact: Gayle Falkenthal (619) 997-2495